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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Osamu Sasagawa

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Examiner: C. E. O'Connor

For: DENTAL ARTICULATOR, METHOD FOR
PRODUCING DENTURES AND METHOD
FOR ADJUSTING THE ARTICULATOR IN
OCCLUSION HEIGHT IN PREPARING THE
DENTURES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 8, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 5-9, drawn to a dental articulator, with traverse.

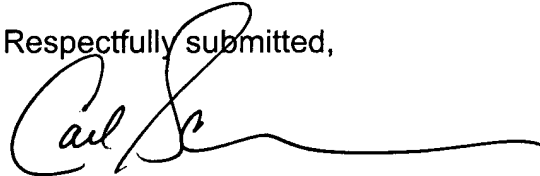
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search of the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it

on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Date: July 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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